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| In Re Application of: |) |
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| For: ELECTRIFIED CEILING TRUSS |) |

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

We the undersigned, state as follows:

- 1. We are the Applicants in the above-identified patent application and the coinventors of the subject matter claimed in this application.
- 2. The invention claimed in this application relates, at least, to an apparatus and method for providing support for a suspended ceiling system and movable lighting for a room.

 The apparatus essentially comprises a ceiling truss having a main beam and at least one standoff connected to and projecting laterally from the main beam. A truss cable is anchored at the ends

of the beam and extends over the standoff to form a cable truss configuration for providing support to the beam. The truss cable can be electrified, wherein a lighting fixture may be attached to adjacent cables for illuminating a room below.

- 3. We conceived our claimed invention in the United States of America prior to March 2, 2000, and provisional patent application Serial No. 60/245,469 was diligently filed on November 3, 2000, from which the present application claims priority.
- 4. As further documentary evidence of our conception of the invention prior to March 2, 2000, we submit herewith a copy of drawings which were completed prior to March 2, 2000.
- 5. Our attorneys opened a file for this application on July 25, 2000, which file ultimately resulted in application Serial No. 60/245,469 having the filing date of November 3, 2000.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

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